

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Guy Suesootisook  
DOCKET NO.: 03-28686.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 13-25-307-037

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (hereinafter PTAB) are Guy Suesootisook, the appellant, by Attorney Melissa K. Whitley with the law firm of Marino & Associates in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of 3,250 square foot parcel improved with a 108-year old, two-story, frame, multi-family dwelling. The improvement contains three units as well as a one-car garage.

At hearing, the parties agreed to the PTAB rendering a decision on the evidence submissions. The appellant raised two issues: first, that the subject's square footage was incorrect; and second, that there was unequal treatment in the assessment process of the improvement as the bases of this appeal.

As to the first issue, the appellant's documents asserted that the subject's improvement contained 2,934 square feet without any supporting documentation. The board of review submitted property characteristic printouts for the subject reflecting 3,327 square feet of living area. The PTAB finds that the best evidence of size was submitted by the board of review; and that the subject's improvement contains 3,327 square feet of living area.

As to the equity issue, the appellant's pleadings included data, descriptions, and photographs of three suggested comparables located within a one-mile radius of the subject. These properties are improved with a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling. They range: in baths from two to six; in age from 77 to 97 years; and in size from 4,700 to 5,904 square feet of living area. The improvement assessments range from \$6.01 to

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the COOK County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	4,576
IMPR.:	\$	28,527
TOTAL:	\$	33,103

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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\$8.05 per square foot. On the basis of this comparison, the appellant's attorney requested an assessment reduction.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the board's final assessment decision was presented reflecting an improvement assessment of \$28,527 or \$8.57 per square foot. The board of review also submitted copies of property characteristic printouts for the subject and four suggested comparables located within a three-block radius of the subject. The properties contain a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling with two units therein. They range in age from 96 to 108 years and in size from 2,576 to 3,048 square feet of living area. Amenities include a basement and a multi-car garage. The improvement assessments range from \$9.27 to \$13.86 per square foot. In addition, the board submitted copies of its file from the board of review's level appeal. As a result of its analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. The PTAB finds that the appellant has not met this burden and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

In totality, the parties submitted seven equity comparables. The PTAB finds that the board of review's comparables #1 through #3 are most similar to the subject property. These comparables contain a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling within close proximity to the subject. They range: in age from 96 to 108 years; in size from 2,770 to 3,048 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$9.27 to \$13.78 per square foot. In comparison, the subject's assessment stands at \$8.57 per square foot of living area, which is below the range established by these comparables.

The PTAB further finds that the remaining properties were accorded diminished weight due to a disparity in improvement size, location, age and/or amenities.

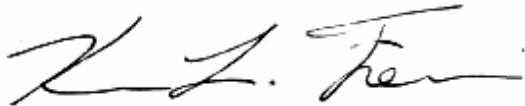
On the basis of the evidence submitted, the PTAB finds that the evidence has not demonstrated that the subject's improvement is assessed in excess of that which equity dictates. Therefore, the

PTAB finds that a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: January 25, 2008



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.